

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Govt Reshuffle

THE reasons which prompted Sir Anthony Eden to make such sweeping ministerial changes as those announced yesterday will probably remain a secret shared by himself and his closest parliamentary associates. He is credited with desiring to "streamline" his government, but what that really means is open to speculation.

The Prime Minister has not notably ousting age for youth. Lord Woolton is the only one of the six resigning ministers who can properly be described as elderly. The ages of the others range from 46 to 64, whereas those of their successors are from 42 to 64.

This suggests that Sir Anthony's "streamlining" is designed to fill all of the more responsible ministerial offices with the most capable men at his disposal. The men who have resigned have served the country with distinction, but possibly without quite measuring up to the Prime Minister's exacting standards.

WHILE the Cabinet and other ministerial shake-up is interesting, it does not portend any drastic changes in the government's policies. Mr Butler may have made himself unpopular with his two small doses of austerity, but he has not been removed of the Treasury portfolio because of that. Mr Macmillan may not have scored any spectacular achievements as Foreign Secretary, but again that is not the reason for his transfer to the Treasury.

What does appear to be obvious is that Sir Anthony Eden desires to ensure himself of a fully qualified and acceptable successor should unforeseen circumstances render his office vacant. He has decided to groom Mr Butler to this end, and Mr Butler's exit as Chancellor of the Exchequer automatically involves considerable reshuffling of the Cabinet.

Mr Macmillan's talents for the Chancellorship are to the public unknown, but his outstanding parliamentary career provides an impressive testimonial. His orthodoxy will have a big appeal to the businessmen of the country.

THE appointment of Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary is particularly interesting. Everything points to his becoming a tremendous success in this high office. His experience as chief British delegate to the United Nations provided splendid training in diplomacy and having served in the Foreign Office as Minister of State he is well acquainted with the intricacies and nuances of British foreign policy. Mr Lloyd is capable of raising even higher the prestige of Britain in the field of international affairs.

The indications are that the changes which the Prime Minister has effected will reinvigorate the government; that probably in certain ministries there will be more initiative and drive. There is nothing panicky about the Cabinet reshuffle, and no reason to think that any of the top ministerial offices have been weakened by the introduction of new personnel.

What Sir Anthony Eden can now hope for is that, barring circumstances beyond his control, he has created a ministerial government that will be capable of working together as a team until the Conservatives are ready to call for another general election.

GRAVE ALGERIAN SITUATION

Bloodshed And Destruction

No Malta Status For Fiji

London, Dec. 21. An attempt to extend to another colony the principle accepted by the parliamentary committee on Malta which has recommended limited integration with Britain was turned down flat today.

Conservative MP William Teeling asked whether the government would consider a similar solution for Fiji.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, in a written answer, said flatly, "No, sir."

He did not elaborate.

Mr Teeling is concerned about the growing Indian population in Fiji which may pose difficulties for Home Rule.

But the government for the moment is presumably being extremely cautious lest the Malta proposal should lead to a general movement for similar treatment among small colonies and territories which range from bustling centres like Hongkong to underdeveloped areas like the British High Commission territories in South Africa.—London Express Service.

REFUGEES THROUGH HONGKONG

CONGRESSMAN'S CRITICISM

Washington, Dec. 21. A congressman today told a press conference that United States funds had been used to move 5,800 "so-called White Russians" from Communist China to 30 different countries of the free world through Hongkong.

Search For Man Who Parachuted

Washington, Dec. 21. The search continued today for a United States army sergeant, John Horan, who parachuted from a spinning plane while on his way to greet his Japanese wife and three children who arrived yesterday from the Orient.

A commercial air line pilot today reported sighting a fire in a snow blizzard 7,000 feet ridge in the Cascades, near where Sgt. Horan jumped from the plane which later landed safely.

His wife, Mrs. Teruko Horan, said she wanted to go to Sgt. Horan's home in Massachusetts to join her husband's family as soon as possible. They had planned a Christmas party to greet them.—Reuter.

Landslide Disaster

Bogota, Dec. 21. Between 14 and 20 persons were reported today to have been buried alive by a big landslide in the mountains near Aranzazu, Caudas Department.

The landslide was said to have been caused by floods of the Chamber River in the wake of torrential rains.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

Causeway Bay Squatter Fire

A fire destroyed 30 squatter huts on a hill about 350 feet above Tin Hau Temple West, Causeway Bay today.

About 150 people were made homeless. There were no known casualties.

The fire started at about 12.40 p.m. and was brought under control at 1.15 p.m. Three fire engines under the direction of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr W. J. Gorman, fought the fire.

Gen. De Castries Injured

Melun, Dec. 21. General Christian de Castries, commander of the fallen French bastion of Dien Bien Phu in the Indo-China war, was injured in an automobile accident south of Paris today.

General de Castries, who received head injuries and his wife, who received head and rib injuries, were reported out of danger. A young soldier, who was driving was also injured.

The accident occurred when the general's car collided with the back of a truck going in the same direction.—France-Press.

Catapult-Carrying Boy To Be Caned

Nicosia, Dec. 21. A 16-year-old Cypriot Greek boy was today sentenced to six strokes with a light cane for having a catapult in his possession on December 11.

The boy, Sotiris Demosthenous, was given his sentence by a Nicosia court under the Cyprus emergency regulations.

At Limassol, the magistrate released without charge, a Greek Cypriot priest, Papastilianos Burmella, who was remanded in custody a week ago, pending police investigations.

He was arrested on December 13 by British troops who alleged that he was carrying a catapult and a knife, and that he was trying to overthrow the Cyprus government by armed force.

ANXIETY IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 21. Fifty-two people have died over the past 24 hours in Algeria in a new wave of bloodshed and destruction sweeping the French territory, reports in Paris said today.

Algerian rebels are waging warfare in support of demands for Home Rule similar to that granted to Tunisia and Morocco. Successive French governments have rejected the demands on grounds that Algeria is an integral part of France.

Most of the 350,000 troops that France has in North Africa are on duty in Algeria. About 1,400 reinforcements landed yesterday at Pons, but Algeria still has only a fraction of the men requested by M. Jacques Soustelle, the Governor-General, to maintain order.

The new wave of violence is centred in the northeast, adjoining Pakistan, where 40 rebels have been killed in the past 24 hours by security forces. Outlaws murdered 25 Algerians in the mountain town of Tennessee.

Rebels have continued warfare against isolated farms. In one raid, they fired the tractors and a harvesting machine and made off with more than three hundred head of livestock.

A Paris newspaper reported that rebels have sent a "monstrous ultimatum" to all Algerian representatives—Deputies in the French Assembly, mayors and local councillors—to resign by January 2.

January 2 is the date of the French January elections in which Algeria, as part of metropolitan France, was due to take part. The French government, however, postponed the Algerian vote until a later date because of circumstances outside the control of the French authorities.

MINISTERS MEET

M. Edgar Faure, the French Prime Minister, and several members of his Cabinet interrupted their electioneering today for a ministerial meeting to discuss what to do about the worsening situation in Algeria.

The Defence Minister and other officials concerned attended the meeting. No communiqué was issued afterwards.

A government spokesman said the meeting was "purely routine."

The National Defence Commission of the Senate also met today and passed a resolution "drawing attention to the dangers of a new war in Algeria." It urged full powers for the military authorities there.

MAJOR ISSUES

A government call for more troop reinforcements for Algeria and growing activity by armed rebels there are emerging as major issues in the French election campaign.

Newspapers supporting M. Pierre Mendes-France and his Republican Front alliance give prominence to news of fighting in Algeria while those which support the centre right groups of M. Edgar Faure and M. Antoine Pinay play it down and put focus on Algeria on inside pages.

M. Mendes-France has called for a review of France's policy in Algeria where most of the French North African troops are stationed, and more reinforcements are being sought by military authorities fighting terrorism.

What Comet IV Will Do

London, Dec. 21. The De Havilland Aircraft Company, whose Comet III jet airliner is due back in England tomorrow after its world-tour, today gave some details on its eventual successor, the "Comet IV," which will go into service with the British Overseas Airways Corporation in 1959.

The Rolls-Royce Avon RA 29 engines will have a thrust of 10,500 pounds instead of the Comet III's 10,000 pounds, with a smaller fuel consumption.

The plane will be able to carry 60 first-class passengers on a non-stop run of a little over 3,000 miles or 70 second class passengers over a non-stop run of nearly 2,700 miles, at a cruising speed of approximately 503 miles per hour.

The Comet IV would be able to travel from New York to London non-stop, but one stop for refuelling would be necessary in the opposite direction.—France-Press.

BROTHER KILLS BROTHER

Habs, Dec. 21. The son of a local chieftain in western Morocco was killed by his own brother last night, official sources disclosed today.

The victim was the son of a local chieftain in the Oued-Zem region. The incident took place at the Châli's home near Boujad, in the Oued-Zem area. No details were immediately available.

Earlier reports said the Châli's son had been killed in an attack by unknown assailants.—France-Press.

GUILTY OF AIDING THE ENEMY

Washington, Dec. 21. Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Liles was today found guilty by a Port Louis court-martial of having aided the enemy while a prisoner-of-war in North Korea. Liles had made propaganda recordings.

The court-martial found Liles not guilty "on counts of lacking national loyalty, trying to indoctrinate his fellow prisoners, and belonging to a 'peace committee'."

Colonel Liles was deprived of two years' seniority.

He was the 12th American soldier to be tried for collaboration with the enemy since the end of the Korean war. Nine of these—including three officers—were found guilty.—France-Press.

ISRAEL BRANDED

United Nations, Dec. 21. General Edson Burns, United Nations truce observer in Palestine, said tonight that Israel's attack on Syrian territory on December 11/12 was a deliberate violation of the Israel-Arab armistice convention of 1949.

General Burns said in a report to the Security Council that Israel, forces violated the armistice agreement by crossing the demilitarized zone to enter Syria. He suggested to prevent further incidents, that:

1. Israeli patrol boats remain a certain distance from the Syrian shore.
2. Israel to allow Syrians to water their cattle in the Sea of Galilee.
3. Syrian authorities to request fishing permits from Israel.
4. The two countries to exchange prisoners.—France-Press.

Aid For Jordan Move By Arab Nations

Damascus, Dec. 21. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have agreed to offer Jordan aid equal to the British grant in aid she now receives yearly, it was learned in semi-official circles here today.

The purpose of such aid would be to enable Jordan to dispense with British financial help which is regarded in political circles here as a means of keeping her within the British sphere of influence.

It was understood that the Syrian Cabinet which held an urgent meeting today approved the proposed aid, which may still be the subject of further talks on detail between the prime ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

Jordan is a member of the sterling area, of which Britain is the banker. Britain last year gave Jordan financial aid totalling two million five hundred thousand sterling.

(Annual Anglo-Jordan talks on aid have just concluded "satisfactorily," usually reliable sources in London said today).—Reuter.

Another Grandchild For Ike

Washington, Dec. 21. Mrs. John Eisenhower, daughter-in-law of President Eisenhower, today gave birth to a baby girl. It was the fourth child born to Mrs. Eisenhower and Major John Eisenhower, the President's son.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower returned here from the temporary White House in Gettysburg, yesterday. He is on duty for the birth.—France-Press.

Christmas Begins For The Royal Children

London, Dec. 21. The Queen's children, Prince Charles, 7, and Princess Anne, 5, began the Christmas season officially yesterday with a party from 40 of their young friends at Buckingham Palace.

One of the semi-state rooms was decorated with evergreens and holly and a Christmas tree stood in one corner loaded with presents for the small guests.

The invited were mostly dancing school friends of the royal children, plus several youngsters from Prince Charles's gymnasium class and children of members of the royal household.

Prince Richard, one-year-old son of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, was also present but his older brother, William, is at home recovering from chicken pox.

The Queen hired a ventriloquist to amuse the children, and joined in the party fun herself. Tomorrow the Queen will pick her family off to her country mansion, Sandringham House, to spend the Christmas holidays.—Reuter.

Poison Attempt On Police Chief

London, Dec. 21. The Ulster police today revealed that "unknown persons" had last Saturday tried to poison the Ulster Police Inspector-General, Sir Richard Finn, by sending him Christmas tarts containing cyanide.

A police communiqué said Sir Richard had been suspicious of the anonymous gift, and had the tarts analyzed. Later, Lady Finn received an anonymous telephone call, congratulating her that she had not eaten the tarts.

The police warned people to beware of packages received from unknown senders. The poison tarts were generally believed to have come from southern Irish extremists.—France-Press.

HONOURS FOR EX-MINISTERS

London, Dec. 21. Further honours were conferred today on British government ministers who resigned office in Sir Anthony Eden's big reconstruction of his administration last night.

Queen Elizabeth has granted honours (hereditary peerages) to Mr L. D. Gammons, formerly Assistant Postmaster General; the Honourable Lancelot Joynton-Hicks, who was Parliamentary Secretary at the Fuel and Power Ministry; and Brigadier J. G. Smyth, who was Joint Parliamentary Secretary of the Pensions and National Insurance Ministry.—Reuter.

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Red Interference In West Mediterranean Next Year

Washington, Dec. 21.

The reported remarks of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, to the Italian Ambassador in Moscow, Signor Mario di Stefano, that the population of Malta was largely Italian was seen by officials here as further evidence of Soviet intentions next year to interfere in Western Mediterranean affairs.

Feudal Customs Survived

Moscow, Dec. 21. A youth in Kazakhstan Province has just been sentenced to five years imprisonment on a charge of polygamy, infidelity and driving one of his three wives to suicide, a Communist Party newspaper reported today.

The youth, Kazakhe Ibrahimov, was also sentenced to loss of all civil rights for a period of three years.

The newspaper said the case showed the "survival of feudal customs." — France-Press.

The officials considered the Italian Government has no intention of claiming Malta as part of Italy, and probably Mr Molotov is well aware of this.

Anti-British

But they believed his intention was to start anti-British agitation by the Italian Communist and fellow-travelling Socialist parties further to embarrass NATO members.

They said that this year Soviet Russia penetrated into the Eastern Mediterranean through agreements with Egypt and propaganda efforts in Syria and elsewhere, to stir up trouble.

They also believed that Soviet Russia is now trying to get the recently-banned Communist Party in Cyprus to take over from Archbishop Makarios the agitation in that island for self-determination.

Early in 1956, the officials expect, Soviet Russia will open an Embassy in Libya.

Heavily Loaded

This Embassy, which has been officially announced, presumably will be heavily loaded with propaganda aimed at causing trouble in Tunisia and through the Fezzan oases in the south of Tunisia, to penetrate into Central Africa, officials here said.

The next step, they believe, will be to set up a Soviet legation in Tangier which would be the focal point for Communist propaganda in French and Spanish Morocco, and possibly even in Spain itself. — United Press.

Bonn, Dec. 21. West Germany will name its first Ambassador to Moscow soon after New Year, informed sources predicted today.

A Bonn Government spokesman announced the appointment would be made "in the very near future." — United Press.

Churchill Going To Germany

Bonn, Dec. 21. Sir Winston Churchill will come to Germany on May 10, 1956, to receive the Karl Prize of the City of Aachen, the Bonn Government announced today.

The Prize is awarded annually by the ancient city to prominent Europeans for their services to the cause of European unity.

Others who have received it include Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, former Premier Robert Schuman of France, the Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak, Jean Monnet, former head of the Schuman "Iron coal-steel pool, and the late Alcide de Gasperi.

Sir Winston was awarded the Prize earlier this year but was not well enough to come to Aachen to receive it. — United Press.

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Preparing For Winter Games



Believed to be the youngest competitors ever to represent Britain in the Olympic Winter Games are Carolyn Kraus, 12, and Rodney Ward, 14. They are the 1955 junior pairs champions and runners-up in the British figure skating championships. They will compete at the Winter Olympics in Italy next month. — Central Press Photo.

POUJADISTS STOP CATHOLIC RALLY

Paris, Dec. 21.

Pierre Poujade's rowdy "commandos" forced the Catholic Popular Republicans (MRP) to cancel their election rallies in Central France today.

Undaunted by a stink bomb tossed at their leader, Poujade's tough supporters swept through the campaign for the January 2 elections, throwing insults and eggs in their battle against the Fourth Republic.

The Secretary for Economic Affairs, Pierre Abelin, charged that his MRP Party had called off the meetings in the Vienna Department because its candidates were roughed up by Poujadists.

He charged: "The Communists have issued instructions not to attack the Poujade movement and to benefit from its excesses."

Sore Throat

Today, reports from all over France spoke of new Poujadist violence at meetings of candidates for the January 2 National Assembly elections.

Poujade himself nursed his sore throat by taking sulphur inhalations at his electoral headquarters in Abdon, 18 miles from Paris.

The 35-year-old, broad-chested "chief" of the Union for Defense of Shopkeepers and Artisans (UDCA) held three hour-long meetings in the capital's suburbs last night.

Again his main theme was a surgical attack against the "rotten regime" and the outgoing deputies whom he called "France's grave diggers." — United Press.

Pakistan Offer To Marshall

Karachi, Dec. 21.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Mr. Chowdhury today told Mr. David Marshall, Singapore's Chief Minister that Pakistan would be prepared to provide technical training facilities to students from Singapore, an informed source said.

The offer was made when Mr. Marshall called on Mr. Chowdhury today.

During a one-hour talk they talked on "matters of mutual interest" and on Singapore's political problems with reference to Mr. Marshall's talks in London. — Reuter.

Coloured Film Of Flying Saucers?

London, Dec. 21.

A coloured film has been shown in London to astronomical and aeronautical experts in an attempt to determine whether two objects sighted and filmed 18 months ago over Norway were flying saucers.

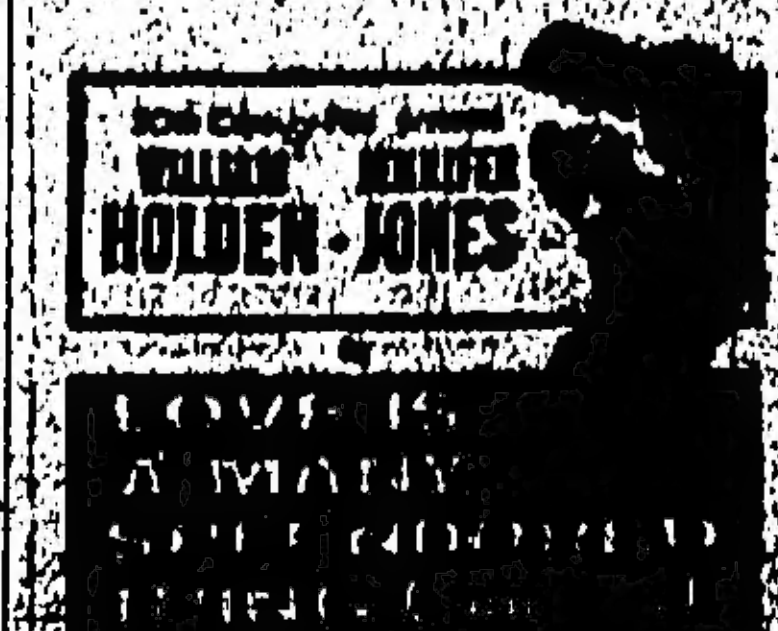
The film was taken on a plane some 17,000 feet in the air between Oslo and Stavanger at the time of the total eclipse of the sun. The only unique feature of the film is two luminous objects which streak across the screen in a tenth of a second.

A member of the Swedish Travel Agency in London, Ernest Graham, who was on the plane at the time the film was made, declared that two brilliant, probably metallic objects were observed some 15 to 18 miles from the plane for about half a minute. He said the objects looked like disks and were making circular movements.

Mr. Arthur C. Clarke, former President of the British Interplanetary Society, said the film was of interest, but it did not prove anything. On the other hand, former Air Marshal Lord Dowding, declared that he believed the objects were flying saucers. — France-Press.

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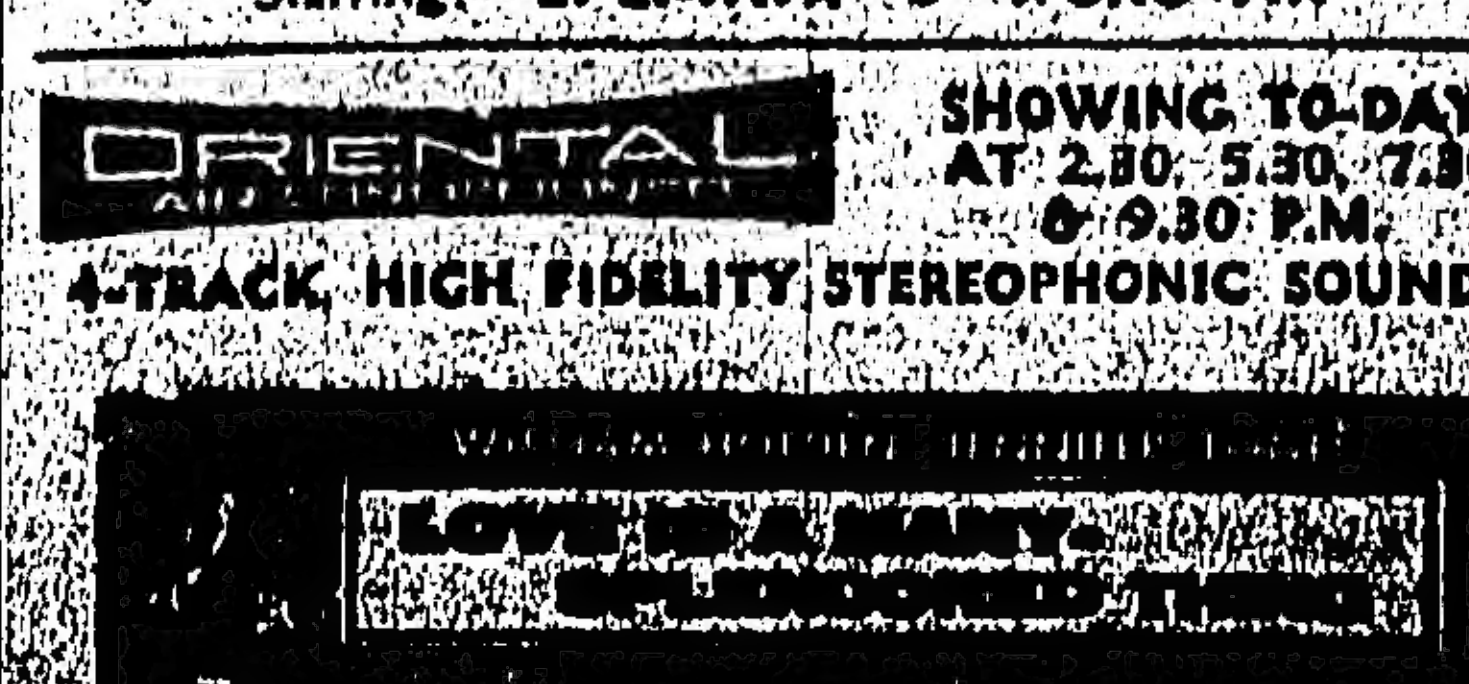


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Russian Leaders Made A Mistake

LORD READING CRITICAL OF BURMA VISIT

London, Dec. 21.

Lord Reading, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said today that top Soviet leaders in their Asian tour "have no doubt done their best not only to set the East against the West but to set the East against the East as well."



Lord Reading

LAOTIAN TROOPS ATTACK

Paris, Dec. 21.

The Communist New China News Agency stated today that Royal Laotian troops have launched "new attacks" against pro-Vietminh Pathet Lao units in Phongsaly province.

On December 10, Royal Laotian troops based on Pounsang attacked Pathet Lao troops in Pounsang, but were forced to withdraw after being surrounded by local militia and guerrilla fighters, the news agency said.

Royal Laotian troops have occupied six strongholds held by the Pathet Lao units since the agreement signed between Laos and Pathet Lao in Bangkok last October.

The news agency stated that recent attacks against Pathet Lao constituted another serious violation of the Geneva agreement on Indo-China and the Rangoon agreement. —France-Press.

He described the visits of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Chief, Nikita Khrushchev, to India, Burma and Afghanistan as "this peripatetic in certain Eastern countries."

At the same time, Lord Reading told the House of Lords that the Soviet leaders "scheduled visit to Britain in April was not in any sense a state visit."

Official Capacity

He said an invitation had been extended on behalf of the Government by the Prime Minister, to these two Russian leaders to pay a visit in their official capacity to this country.

Lord Reading said he did not think it is true to say that the prestige of this country is steadily deteriorating in Asia. The Burmese know better than to accept the sort of stuff which has been served up to them by these travellers in their midst.

He said the Soviet leaders have not yet found out that the people of Asia are neither children nor fools, but men in the world of men. When they find out that, they may find a better technique for dealing with them. —France-Press.

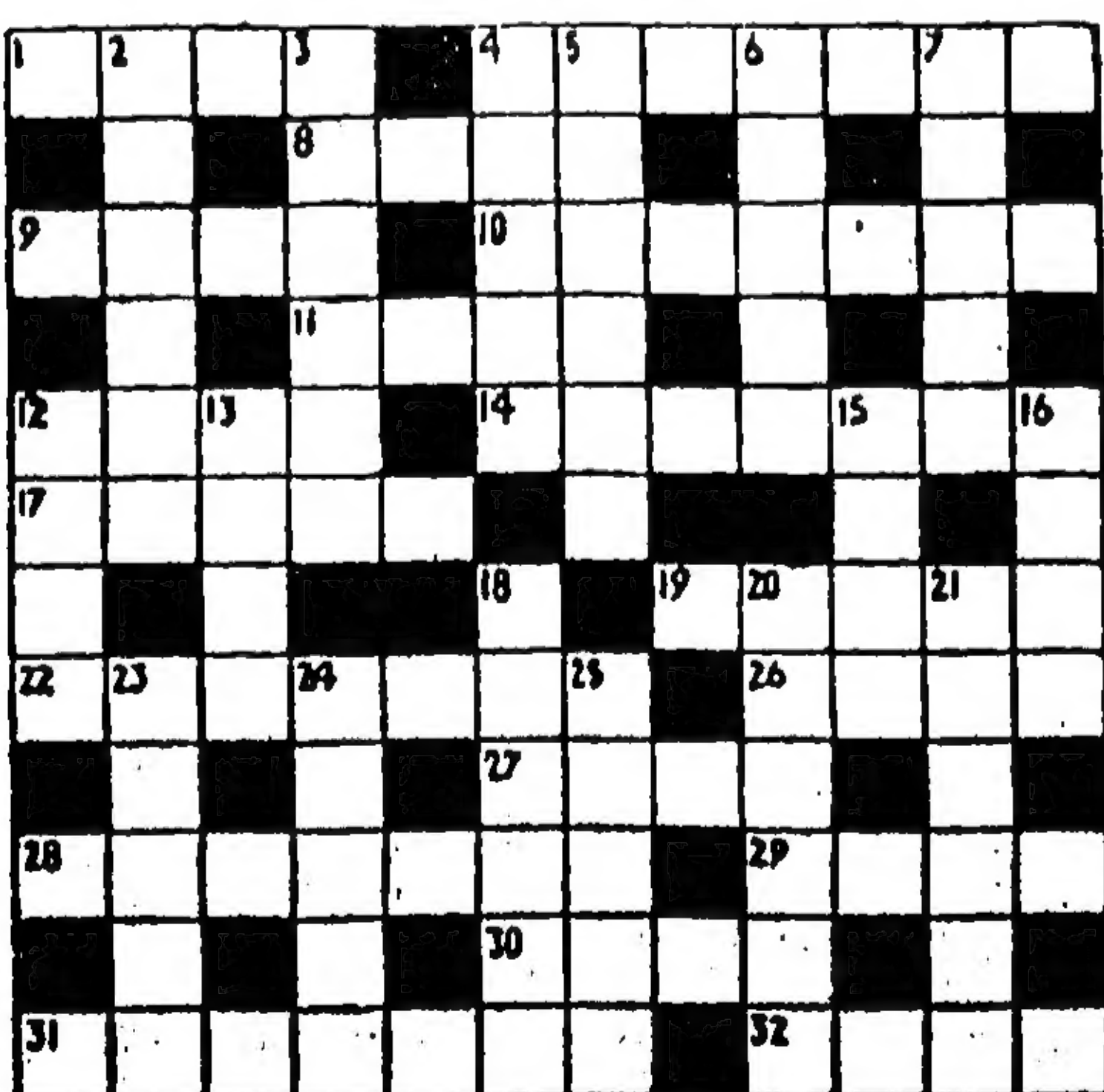
Arms Agreement Ratified

Bonn, Dec. 21. The Bonn Parliament today ratified the treaty under which the US will help arm West Germany's new Wehrmacht.

The treaty was approved by the Bundestag (upper house) by an unanimous show of hands vote. The first arms deliveries to the West German armed forces were expected to begin in January.

The amount of the first instalment has not been announced but was reported to total about \$3,000,000. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Equips (7).
- 4 Honour (7).
- 8 Highest point (4).
- 9 Tale of heroism (4).
- 10 Abrades (7).
- 11 Scold (4).
- 12 Narrative (4).
- 14 Film (7).
- 17 Dodge (5).
- 18 Fight (5).
- 20 Quiver (7).
- 24 Communist (4).
- 27 Continent (4).
- 28 Shoals (7).
- 29 Conceited (4).
- 30 Believe (4).
- 31 Unprepared (7).
- 32 Nozzle (4).

DOWN

- 2 Abrogate (5).
- 3 Holy (5).
- 4 Repasts (5).
- 5 Surpasses (5).
- 6 Unadorned (5).
- 7 Crinkly material (5).
- 12 Try out (4).
- 13 Enlure (4).
- 15 Terrible (4).
- 16 Knocks (4).
- 18 Delighted (5).
- 20 Cowardly (5).
- 21 Owns (5).
- 23 Mature (5).
- 24 Animal (5).
- 25 Attempt (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Cocker, 5 Bush, 8 Lemon, 9 Moral, 10 Timid, 11 Nests, 12 Anon, 13 Lower, 14 Assail, 15 Assails, 20 Dales, 21 Grip, 22 Heads, 23 Tapir, 24 Eldest, 25 Mont, 26 Sells, 27 Twenty, Down: 1 Compared, 2 Corporal, 3 Elan, 4 Release, 5 Bottle, 6 Unison, 7 China, 14 Surgeon, 15 Sympathy, 16 Assails, 17 Student, 18 Serial, 21 Abuse, 22 Slew.

Fear 15 Die In Austrian Avalanche



As the leader blows his mountain horn, members of one of the rescue teams looking for avalanche victims in the Tauern Mountains 40 miles south of Salzburg press forward in their search. The avalanche, 100 metres broad, fell, burying 15 members of a construction party working 7,000 feet up on the Kaprun Dam.—Express Photo.

Red Antarctic Expedition Nears S. Africa

Capetown, Dec. 21.

The Russian geophysical expedition ship Ob is expected to reach Capetown on Saturday on her way to the Antarctic.

The Ob, 7,400 tons, is carrying 100 scientists, helicopters, prefabricated houses, tractors, dogs and signal gear, which will be used to set up elaborate bases on Knox Coast, Wilkes Land, in the Antarctic.

The Ob is the most modern ship on the Soviet register. She was built in the Netherlands this year, and was specially adapted to headquarter ship for the Russian expedition.

Second Ship

Following the same route as the Ob is the Lena, the second expedition ship, while the refrigerator ship for the Russian expedition.

Three separate observation stations are to be set up for one year which will keep in touch with each other by aircraft and radio.

The expeditions are the Soviet contribution to the International Geophysical Year. —France-Press.

Expedition To Equatorial Africa

Moscow, Dec. 21. The Soviet Union is preparing to send a scientific expedition to Equatorial Africa in connection with the International Geophysical Year, it was announced today.

Mr. A. Bakhariev, secretary of the Tadzhikistan astronomical observatory, said Soviet physicists, geophysicists, meteorologists and other scientists will participate in the expedition.

Meanwhile, a recent meeting of the presidium of the Academy of Sciences decided that Russia's African and Arabic studies were insufficient, and resolved to expand its studies of southern and central African areas, with special attention to history, economy, language and literature. —United Press.

Spies Sentenced To Death

Damascus, Dec. 21. A three-man military tribunal today sentenced to death by firing squad five Arabs on charges of spying and collaboration with the enemy.

Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour. Among those sentenced to death was Jibril Dhoukhal, a member of Israel's Knesset (Parliament).

All of them were reported to have been arrested three months ago while infiltrating the Syrian district of Idlib from Israel. —United Press.

GRASSHOPPER WAR Victoria Wins Total Victory

Melbourne, Dec. 21.

The State government of Victoria announced "total victory" today over a swarm of grasshoppers that invaded 365 square miles.

The battle started last weekend and today the government declared that it had saved crops valued at A £16,000,000.

The State Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Gordon MacArthur, said: "It cost us £250,000 for planes and insecticide to spray the plague area of more than 365 square miles. But it was worth it, we've won."

Stripped Fields

At the weekend, the plague was at its worst and airplanes, chemicals and men were thrown into the battle to wipe out hundreds of millions of grasshoppers devouring wheat and vegetable crops along the lush Murray River Valley.

Clouds of grasshoppers swept along this river border between Victoria and New South Wales, stripping fields, laying waste to gardens and carpeting highways.

Insecticide companies worked overtime to supply vast quantities of chemicals, which were sprayed by aircraft over the afflicted areas.

On the ground, emergency gangs dug ditches and filled them with oil, then built huge fires in the path of the grasshoppers.

In the early stages of the battle, it looked as if the grasshoppers would be too strong.

The task was made more difficult by extreme weather changes in the area when temperatures varied from a little above freezing point to nearly 100 degrees.

At one stage, the grasshopper clouds were within 65 miles of Melbourne. Farmers throughout the State feared they would lose all their crops. But, while the grasshoppers caused several hundred pounds worth of damage, official estimates indicate that the State's total wheat crop worth £11,000,000, was saved. —United Press.

Communism Must Be Warded Off

Bonn, Dec. 21.

West Germany must ward off communism to prevent it from enslaving all of Europe, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said in a year-end report on his government's activity, published here today.

Dr. Adenauer said there is not any contradiction between West Germany's membership in the free world and renewal of Soviet-West German relations.

Dr. Adenauer said West Germany remains in the Western camp to ensure its future and its freedom against communism, which he said is "aimed at world conquest."

Under-Estimates

Dr. Adenauer said the West is threatened because it underestimates "the Communist danger" and risks being misled by the Communist "co-existence propaganda."

Dr. Adenauer said the "dramatic" events for West Germany were: 1. Putting in effect of the Paris treaties; 2. Recovery of "German" sovereignty; 3. Soviet-West German negotiations; and 4. The high-level Big-Four conferences held in Geneva. —France-Press.

Didn't Blow Their Horns

Paris, Dec. 21.

A total of 1,664 persons were given summons for having blown their motor car horns in Paris last month, but 66 were ticketed for failure to do so in an emergency, the Municipal Bulletin announced today.

An anti-noise ordinance forbids horn blowing by cars except when an accident appears imminent.

A month's list of infractions and violations showed a total of 29,538—mostly for parking on the wrong side of the street. Four were issued to motorists "for having splattered mud on pedestrians."

Only seven were issued for drunken driving, and three more for "manifest and public intoxication."

A total of 87 were fined for noisiness at night, and 14 for disturbing the peace with public conduct. —Reuter.

FOREIGN AID SQUANDERED SAYS SENATOR

Washington, Dec. 21. Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat, Virginia) said today that two hundred million dollars in foreign aid funds had been given to Britain to finance a tax cut before the last general election (in May this year).

He told reporters that he had received confirmation of this from Mr. Harold Stassen, former Foreign Aid Administrator.

Senator Byrd said also that one hundred million dollars foreign aid funds had been used to help pay off a Danish debt. He said many billions of dollars had been squandered on foreign aid.

Senator Byrd's attack on foreign aid spending is believed to herald some strong opposition in Congress to the Administration's increased foreign aid programme for next year. —China Mail Special.

Nicosia Bars Guard Against Bombing

Nicosia, Dec. 21.

All shops in Nicosia sold out of chicken-wire today in the aftermath of a military order declaring bars and cabarets out of bounds until windows are covered with wire screening.

Long queues of bar owners, hotel keepers and cabaret proprietors stood in front of shops as they rushed to get the wire and "in bounds" notices.

The order was issued yesterday by the Military Police and the Provost Marshal of the Cyprus District. It declared all places of entertainment out of bounds after flying window glass sliced through 15 diners at the Quagles bar in Nicosia on Saturday.

Guard For Santa

Santa Claus came to Cyprus today, but he had an armed guard and a helicopter with him. Santa (a Royal Air Force chaplain) was greeted by a hundred children of Royal Air Force families when he arrived in Nicosia by helicopter. He distributed presents while a watchful RAF Regiment patrolled the area.

New Order

At the airport today, guards operated under a new order to search all passengers' luggage and turn back well-wishers and those seeing travellers off, after it was reported that more "air-crawlers" were going to Athens than were coming in. —United Press.

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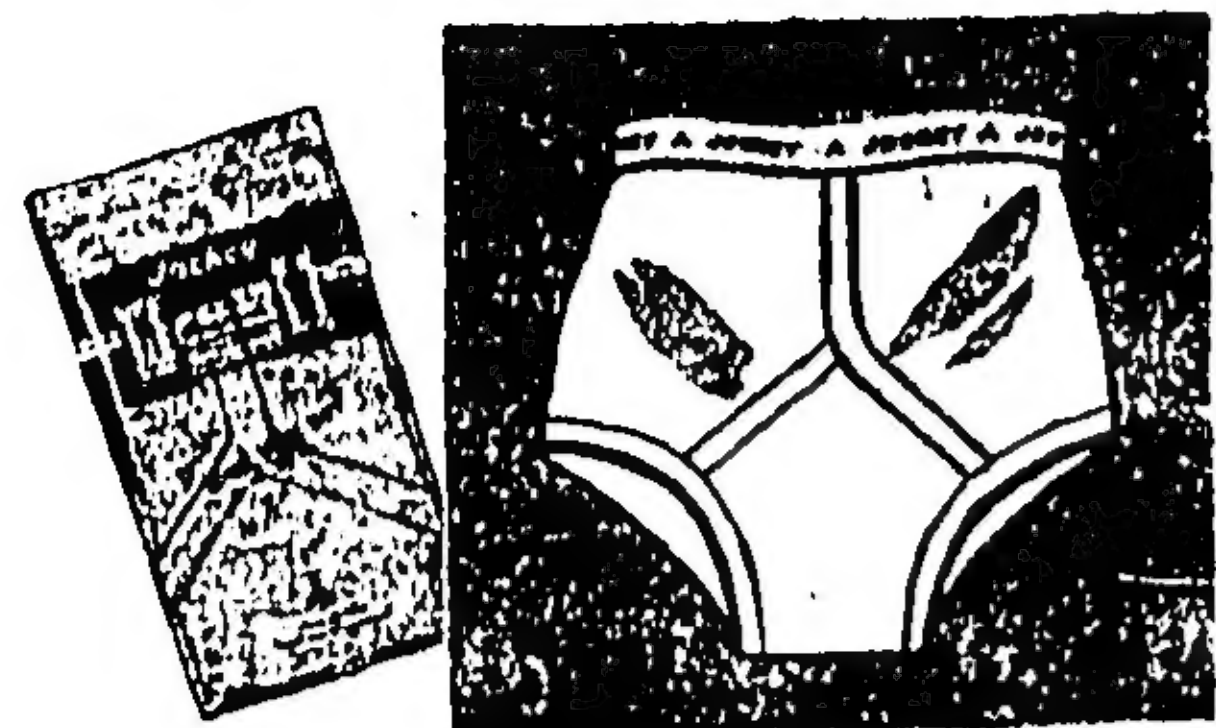
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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, each member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. But this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each per day and \$40.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 24th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

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The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

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Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Penrice Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

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Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

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Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards
A. B. ARNOLD
Secretary

BECK CAPTURES INDIVIDUAL HONOURS IN THREE-DAY CYCLE RACE

By NTACA

"Perhaps the most gruelling test of athletic ability in Colony Sport". That was how Rediffusion's Sports Parade saw the Three-Day Cycle Race, which was held over the week-end on December 16, 17 and 18, three days of fierce, all-out battles for individual and team supremacy.

And the victors? Ron Beck, riding at his brilliant best, captured individual honours from a determined and able John Ellingham, while the REME cycling club repeated their team win of the last event, but with an even wider margin of victory.

Friday 16: This first day's race was a massed start event over the most cruel course in the Colony. Four circuits of the Route 1—Fanning—Route 2 roads, with four climbs up the steeper side of the notorious Route 1 hill, 58½ miles of the most punishing riding. And this but the first of three days of effort.

The first lap saw the pattern of the race laid, Beck and Ellingham getting away on the first climb of the "Gap", followed by Templeman, (Essex) and Foster and Doble of the Exiles. Marshall was close behind and soon caught up with the plan and was still at the top of the hill when Beck and Ellingham, together with Maxwell of the Exiles, and Cowan, (7 Hussars), made contact with this group at 12 miles, only for Lord and Luna to be dropped just before the start of the second climb.

CHASING GROUP
The two runaways had a lead of two minutes over the chasing group at the end of the first lap, increasing it to nearly three at the top of the hill. Cowan fell back, while Maxwell was again caught, this time to stay for the next lap and a half. The field was now spread out over 11 minutes.

Lap three, and again Beck outprinted Ellingham to the top of the hill, to collect five more points towards the "King of the Mountains" title. Templeman and Foster were still at three minutes, with Doble, Marshall and Bould a further two minutes down. Lord, Luna and Maxwell were still together, catching up on Cowan, and being slowly overtaken in their turn by Spray, yet another REME boy.

The fourth lap, and Ellingham and Beck had increased their advantage to four minutes. Bould was next, by himself, at another three minutes, while Doble and Marshall had fallen back by three minutes. On the climb, Spray and Luna made a getaway, leaving Lord to hold Maxwell. Over the last three miles, Beck forced a break from Ellingham, to finish alone in the final time of 2-53-27, from which was subtracted a bonus of one minute.

Ellingham came in 57 seconds later, to receive 30 seconds reduction in time, while Foster and Templeman rode over the line nine-and-a-half to gain 15 seconds each.

General Classification: (1) Beck, Pegasus CC, 2-52-27. (2) Ellingham REME CC, 2-53-53. (3) Foster, Exiles, and Templeman, Essex, both at 2-59-00.
Saturday 17: The New Territories Road Circuit, 90½ miles of undulating and wind-swept road, was the scene of some magnificent riding, mainly by Beck, who consolidated his position as race leader with a record-breaking performance of 2-18-24, beating by over three minutes the previous best by Jim Gower, the Cygnets CC rider. Beck was in superb form, riding like a demon to pass one rider after another, just finding by a matter of yards to pass every one in the field.

Starting off last man, at 12.30, he caught his two-minute man, Ellingham, after only ten miles, covering the first 24 miles to Kowloon in just over 85 minutes. At 30 miles, he was heartened to see one of his main rivals, Marshall, at the roadside, taking over Lord's cycle as his own was unrideable. Marshall lost approximately five minutes due to this mishap, and his final time of 2-38 was an outstanding performance.

Lord had the doubtful pleasure of propelling the useless machine for the next 18 miles, until his own was brought up to him again, by the simple process of stopping every mile or less to free the seized bottom bracket.

Other good rides of the day were the 2-42-32 of Hazelton, (REME CC); the 2-40-24 of Doble; and the 2-34-26 of Bould, who beat his teammate, Ellingham, by 10 seconds. As a result of this day's racing, the Essex team moved into second place behind REME, whose Bould and Marshall moved up into third and fourth positions respectively.

General Classification: (1) Beck, 5-10-51; (2) Ellingham, 5-28-39; Bould, 5-35-34. Leading

INDIA WINS

Bombay, Dec. 21
India beat Hungary by three games to one in the fourth triangular table tennis tournament held here today, between India, Hong Kong and Hungary. By winning this fourth "Test" match, India drew level with Hungary, each of the two sides having won two Tests.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bob Pape Settles
A Point

Sir—I thank G.S. Kennedy-Skipston for his remarks published in the China Mail on Tuesday.

I am faster on the road than on the track. This, I believe, is fairly general, provided the athlete concerned has legs that stand up to racing on the unyielding surface of a road.

With due respect for the performances of P. West in Hongkong, that very keen athlete did not reach top class until several months after his return to England.

And while all the "pot hunting" and record breaking continues, let us not forget the "also rans." The important point is not winning, but taking part. Let these sportsmen train hard, enjoy training and do their best in competition, and they will attain a high standard of fitness which is the true prize of athletics.

R. H. PAPE

YESTERDAY'S RUGGER

Club "B" Beat RAF Island

Yesterday evening under the floodlights the Club "B" narrowly overcame RAF Island by 10 points (2 goals) to 5 points (1 goal) in a match which, while it had some scrappy periods, was outstanding for the odd decisions handed down by the referee.

Only the Club's first try should have been scored, for the second one Penman knocked on first, then at the end he did not touch down properly. But the referee was not up with the game and as a result was unsighted.

The RAF's one and only try was a fine and here the touch judge must take the greater portion of the blame. The winger went into touch ball, body and all by about two feet but the touch judge failed to signal it. The referee was again well upfield and was unsighted.

The most curious happening was that in the second half of the game. The first fifteen minutes passed without a single scrum. This does not mean that either side were handling perfectly, for indeed they were not, but the advantage rule was applied to such a degree that it was farcical.

The Airman should have been penalised very often for offside round the scrum, and the Club for offside in the lineouts, but nothing happened. With such a loose rein on the game it was not surprising that it became scrappy and uninteresting.

MORE WEIGHT

The Club peck had more weight and in both the lineouts and the scrums were more successful, but in the lineouts they were allowing the Airman to break through and harass their backs and halves.

In the loose the RAF forwards shone, with Southwick well to the fore, for not only did they snap up their chances better, but the forwards gathered and packed better in the loose.

But behind the scrums the Club were far superior with Addis, a new Club player, showing up extremely well, while Penman was always a danger in the centre and MacCallum had some terrific runs down the wing.

Even Spencer, playing at full back for the first time, did well considering his lack of experience of this position. Best of the Club forwards were Black and Elliott.

The Island thirds seldom got the chance to get going but when they did Lewis and Worms moved very well, while MacGarity had a good day which resulted in some good moves.

THE PLAY

The Club's handling was much the better, and Roberts, as well as making ground with some useful kicks, was giving a nice service to his backs. The first score came after ten minutes when on the half way line Addis got the ball in the lineout.

Macao Hockey Teams To Play Here

Macao, Dec. 22.
The Macao Hockey Club is sending its "A" and "B" selections to Hongkong for games tomorrow against Hongkong sides.

The "A" team will meet the Malaysian Sikh selection, and the "B" combination will take on a combined team drawn from players of the Hongkong University and the visiting Technical College of Kuala Lumpur.

The Macao "A" selection will have the same players that played against the Hongkong Combined Services team last month in Macao.

In the "B" selection, some former hockey star players will try a comeback.
Both games will be played at Sookumpoo.

Bully-off for the first game will be at 2.30 p.m.

Many Macao hockey enthusiasts will be leaving here for Hongkong to attend the games.—France-Press.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY COMBINED SERVICES GO DOWN 2-0 TO MALAYAN INDIANS

By "TOUCHWOOD"

A Combined Services second half collapse gave the visiting Malaysian Indians team an easy two-nil victory in yesterday's hockey match at Sookumpoo. Up to the interval the struggle had been hard and even although Services were two goals down at half time.

Combined Services played with their traditional fighting spirit and they kept the home supporters happy and thrilled by their indomitable courage.

With a little more luck and less tackling infringements on the part of the visitors, they could have scored an equal number of goals.

Malayan Indians played their own brand of fast, thrustful hockey and were quick to take the opportunities which came their way. Thus they took advantage of two lapses by the Services' defenders to score twice—in the 4th and 33rd minute—by A.I. Thillainathan and Manmohan Sadhi.

Glen Singh, Devendran and T. Lawrence combined well to keep the home defenders worried. It was the good work of Boxall in goal and right-winger Good which kept the visitors' goal scoring efforts frustrated, especially in the second half.

Highlight of the match was the Devendran-Thillainathan partnership in the Malaysian Indians' attack. They set a fast pace once the ball was in their possession and only good goal-keeping by the Services' custodian prevented these two from lengthening the Malaysians' two-nil lead.

Services' performances were, to a point disappointing, although they were on a par with the visiting team in defence and attack in the first 18 minutes.

Good, the Services' right-winger who led the attack yesterday, was unaccountably out of his depth. Too often he was offside and even missed a certain goal in the second half.

However, the Services made up for an indefatigable set of defenders. Outstanding were Newmark, Mobbs and goalkeeper Boxall.

CRACKING PACE

In spite of the heavy pitch caused by rain the previous day, which suited the Malaysians, the game was played at a cracking pace from the whistle to the end.

Malayan Indians swung into top gear from the bully-off and before the fifth minute the visitors were one up when Thillainathan slammed in a picture goal that had Boxall beaten all the way.

This early goal shook Combined Services, but not their fighting spirit. They pulled themselves together and with Good sending centres they had T. Nadarajah, the Indians' custodian, on his toes.

Lack of shooting accuracy deprived Combined Services of goals for time and again when their forwards reached the scoring circle they did everything but put the ball into the net. This turned out to be the Services' weakness, which the visiting team took advantage of to draw rings round their defence.

Combined Services had an open chance to score the equaliser in the 23rd minute but Good scooped the ball a foot out when he had only Nadarajah to beat.

By the 27th minute, Malayan Indians had scored their second goal when a solo effort by right-winger Manmohan Sadhi saw him sending in a slick grounder to beat Boxall. The interval came with the score still two-nil in favour of the visitors.

Crossing over, the Combined Services had an attacking spell.

HKFC SELECTIONS

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in league soccer matches against the Royal Air Force at the Club ground on Saturday:

1st Division v R.A.F. at 3.30 p.m.: Jones, Pank, Skipston, Douglas, Armstrong, Phay, Leck, Jones, Macao, Nee, P. Leck.
2nd Division v R.A.F. at 6 p.m.: Pank, Macdonald, Warr, Reynolds, Phillips, Bracken, Seidler, Douglas, Wicks, Mackie, Miller.
Reserves: White and Brown.

Four Filipino Tennis Stars For Saigon

Mandila, Dec. 22.

Four top Filipino tennis players will leave for Saigon by air at the end of this month to compete in the South Vietnam Tennis Federation tournament, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday.

Three of the players are Davis Cuppers. They are Raymond Deyro, Feliciano Ampon and Johnny Joe.

The fourth member of the team is Ruben Escobar, the fifth-ranking Filipino player, who recently defeated the fourth-ranking Amado Sanchez.

The South Vietnam Tennis Federation tournament is scheduled to get underway on January 1.

Deyro recently defeated Ampon to retain his Philippine Tennis Association title of Champion.—France-Press.

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the goods have left the godown and
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FINNS NOW FEEL MASTERS
IN THEIR
OWN HOUSE

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

The Finns, under Moscow's new co-existence
deal, today feel masters in their own house more
surely than at any time since the Soviet invasion
in 1939.

They believe that they have reached the two
goals for national security set up by the President,
Mr. Juho Paasikivi, when he took office nearly
a decade ago in a war-ravaged, dislocated country.

These objectives, known to
Finns as "the Paasikivi line",
are: at home, democratic, Parli-
amentary rule; abroad, good
relations with all powers, particu-
larly the Soviet Union.

Parliamentary rule has only
been threatened once. This was
in 1948 under a Communist
Minister of the Interior, Mr.
Yrjö Leino. Parliament found
that he had been turning the
police force into a "Communist
force" and called for his resignation.

More Difficult

Mr. Leino refused to go. So
President Paasikivi stepped in
and dismissed him. Since that
incident, all Finland's anti-
Communist parties have always
combined to keep Communist
out of the Cabinet.

Relations with Russia were a
much more difficult and delicate
matter. To hold her big neigh-
bour at arm's length, little Fin-
land had to observe a number
of taboos. These were defined
quite clearly in official Moscow
statements, in Soviet propa-
ganda and in inspired speeches
by Finland's own Communists.

Chief of these taboos, or "anti-
Soviet acts" as the Moscow
Government and its agents in
Finland called them, were
close ties with the three other
Nordic countries, Sweden, Nor-
way and Denmark, as Finland
traditionally had before the
1939 invasion, and "revenge
meetings" for this invasion and
the subsequent hostilities with
Russia from 1941 to 1944.

Close ties, even cultural, with
Norway and Denmark were
banned because these two coun-
tries are both members of the
North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
sation. Sweden was suspect,
although neutral, because, to
quote the Finnish Communist
paper, Vapaa Sana, "military
and political reactionaries are
working against the policy of
neutrality and plotting to throw
the country into the jaws of the
North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
sation."

Parrot Cry

Nor did Soviet and Finnish
Communist propaganda like the
fact that many Finns looked to
Sweden as "the old country" of
which they were once part,
whereas Russia had so often been
the "old enemy."

"Revenge" was the parrot cry
whenever the Finns complained
of their heavy reparations, of
their 400,000 displaced persons,
of the crippling effect on their
national economy, or of the
cession of about one-twelfth of
their territory to Russia under
the postwar settlements.

They could not even honour
their own war dead without
incurring the reproach of "re-
venge." In this atmosphere any
attempt to redress some of the
anomalies of the settlements
with Russia was out of the ques-
tion.

Then the Soviet Government
made one of those shifts
of policy which have so often
changed the course of Finland's
history. In rapid succession the
Russians told the Finns that
they could:

★ 1. Have back the Pankkila
area, west of Helsinki.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"MANGALORE"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas at Holt's Wharf from
10 a.m. on December 23, 1955, and
consignees are requested to have
their representatives present during
the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents.

Hong Kong, December 21, 1955.

which they had had to leave to
Russia for 50 years;

★ 2. Join the Nordic Council,
a body of members of
Parliament from Sweden, Nor-
way, Denmark and Iceland
working for closer political,
economic and cultural ties be-
tween the Nordic countries;

★ 3. Fly passenger services
with Finnish aircraft and
Finnish crews to Leningrad and
Moscow; and

★ 4. Have back all those
Finnish subjects which
had been held in the Soviet
Union since the end of World
War II.

With the territory returned
and all Soviet forces withdrawn
from Finnish territory, the
Finn can feel delivered from
what was a very real threat to
their independence.

The Finns are now free to
plan with their Scandinavian
friends such things as a Nordic
Customs Union, common citizen-
ship, within certain limits and
other matters in which these
five little countries can act as
one unit in the promotion of
their own welfare.

Convinced

Quite as important to the
Finns as the restitution of
Pankkila and their entry into
the Nordic Council is the Soviet
attitude of mind which prompted
these measures.

The Finns are convinced that
they have shown Russia that it
is in her own interests to leave
them free to follow their own
Western way of life and to
develop their own democratic
political institutions. China
Mail Special

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



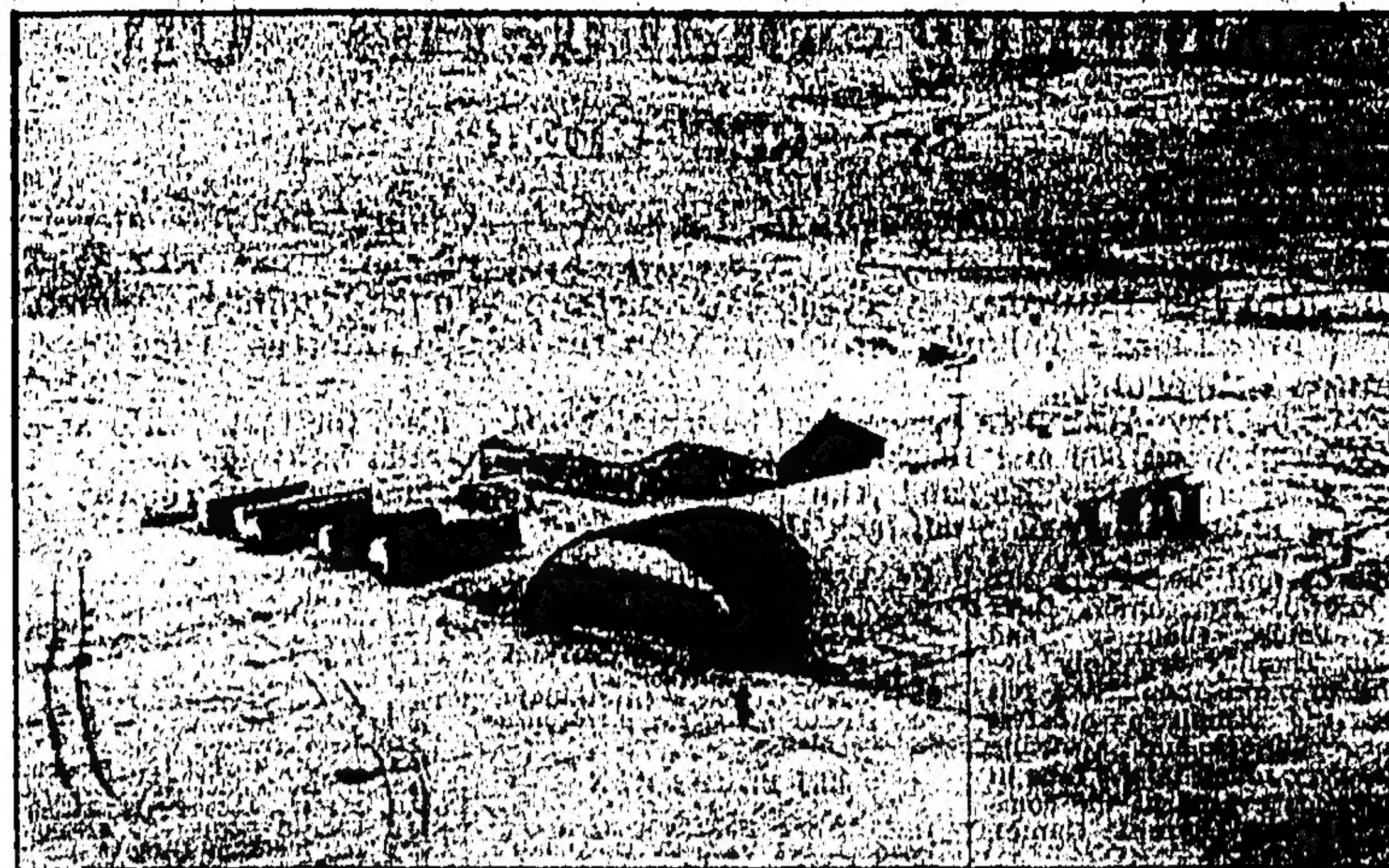
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JOHNNY HAZARD



Mail Notices

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which,
in general, are earlier than the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for
registered articles are generally
one hour earlier than the times
shown below. Particulars regard-
ing parcel mails can be ascertained
by enquiry at any post office.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS
On Sunday December 23, 1955
all post offices will be closed to
public business. There will be
one ordinary delivery commencing
at 10 a.m.

On Monday & Tuesday, Decem-
ber 26, 27, 1955 the public
counters at G.P.O. & C.P.O.
Kowloon will open for public
business from 10 a.m. to Noon.
The Shing Wan Post Office will
open from 8 a.m. to Noon and
Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon
for sale of postage stamps only.
All other Branch Offices will be
closed.

The box lobbies at G.P.O. &
C.P.O. Kowloon will open from
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shing Wan
from 10 a.m. to Noon and Wan-
chai from 10 a.m. to Noon only.
There will be no delivery on
Monday but there will be one
general delivery commencing at
10 a.m. and one collection from
all pillar boxes on Tuesday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

Glider Pilots
Marooned

Taken from the air, this
picture shows the headquar-
ters of the Midland Gliding
Club in Shropshire where
nine glider pilots (two of
them girls) were marooned by
heavy snowfalls. All roads
from the ridge down to the
valleys were blocked by
snowdrifts, many of them
more than six feet deep.—
Reuterphoto.

Onassis Agrees
To Pay \$7m
Settlement

Washington, Dec. 21.
Shipping magnate Aristotle
Onassis has agreed to pay
\$7,000,000 to the United States
Government in settlement of
charges against him for the
illegal purchase of merchant
ships used in World War II, it
was disclosed today.

The US Government has
agreed to drop the charges
against Onassis, a Greek-born
Argentinian, and three as-
sociates.

A number of Onassis-
controlled companies, however,
have been fined an aggregate
of \$160,000.—France-Press.

Pouched Animal
Fossils Found
In New Guinea

San Francisco, Dec. 21.

A University of California graduate
student, Mr. C. D. Woodward, has returned
here from the central highlands of New
Guinea with facts about fossils which, he
claims, will help to fill in a 75,000,000-year
gap in knowledge about the ancestors of
the Australian kangaroo.

His expedition to New Guinea
was undertaken in partial ful-
filment of the requirements for
a doctorate in paleontology from
the University.

He believes that his dis-
coveries, dug up from gold-laden
sands of a dry New Guinea lake-
bed, will permit a new chapter
to be written in the story of
how certain forms of animal life
have evolved and become distrib-
uted over the face of the earth.

New Species

Among his finds were
remnants of jaws, teeth and
limbs of three newly-discovered
species, possibly three new
genera, of pouched animals
(marsupials). He believes that
these animals, about five feet
tall and weighing nearly 200
lbs, roamed the uplands of New
Guinea some 10,000,000 years
ago.

Two years ago, Mr. Woodward
was a member of a University
of California expedition which
discovered fossil remains of
Australian marsupials dating
back 5,000,000 years.

He thinks that his New
Guinea discoveries may help to
solve the mystery of how the
ancestors of present-day kan-
garos and opossums reached
the South Pacific island in the
first place.

Current theory is that the
first marsupials appeared on
earth at least 125,000,000 years
ago. They inhabited north
America first and then spread to
other parts of the world.

Then, some paleontologists be-
lieve, the animals migrated from
North America into Asia through

the Aleutian chain, then west
into Europe and south along the
Pacific island arc to Australia,
Tasmania and New Guinea.

Other scientists reject this
theory because no marsupials
have ever been found in north-
east Asia.

Unrelated

They argue that the animals
moved to Europe via the Arctic
circle, then across India and
Iran to the Pacific island chain
and into Australia.

The flaw in this theory ap-
pears to be the fact that the
animals found in the South
Pacific appear to be completely
unrelated to the European
animals.

Scientists are now seeking
fossils from the South Pacific
and northern Asia which date
back somewhere between 5,000,
000 and 80,000,000 years. Mr.
Woodward's find is considered a
"start."—China Mail Special.

Self-styled
Bishop
Walking To
Bethlehem

Bagdad, Dec. 21.

Bishop Homer A. Tomlin-
son, United States citizen
and self-proclaimed General
Overseer of the "Church of
God" and the "King of all
Nations," who is travelling
third class from the United
States through Europe,
Turkey and Iraq, is now on
the last lap of his journey
to the Holy Land.

Carrying a robe made by his
Chinese followers, his gold-
plated crown and the flag of
the "Holy Nation," he left
Bagdad for Khanaqin for the
Persian border, whence he in-
tended to walk along the route
taken by the Three Wise Men
(the three Kings) to Bethlehem.

His route appears also to be
that taken by Abraham when he
left Ur of the Chaldees to take
possession of the Holy Land.

"I intend to enter Old
Jerusalem and Bethlehem on
foot, seeking to demonstrate the
story of the Wise Men from
the East, often called the 'Three
Kings of the Orient,' he told a
correspondent here. 'In
Bethlehem I shall hold a
Christmas service for all the
Nations of whom I am King and
end my pilgrimage to the Holy
Land.'

Holy Nation

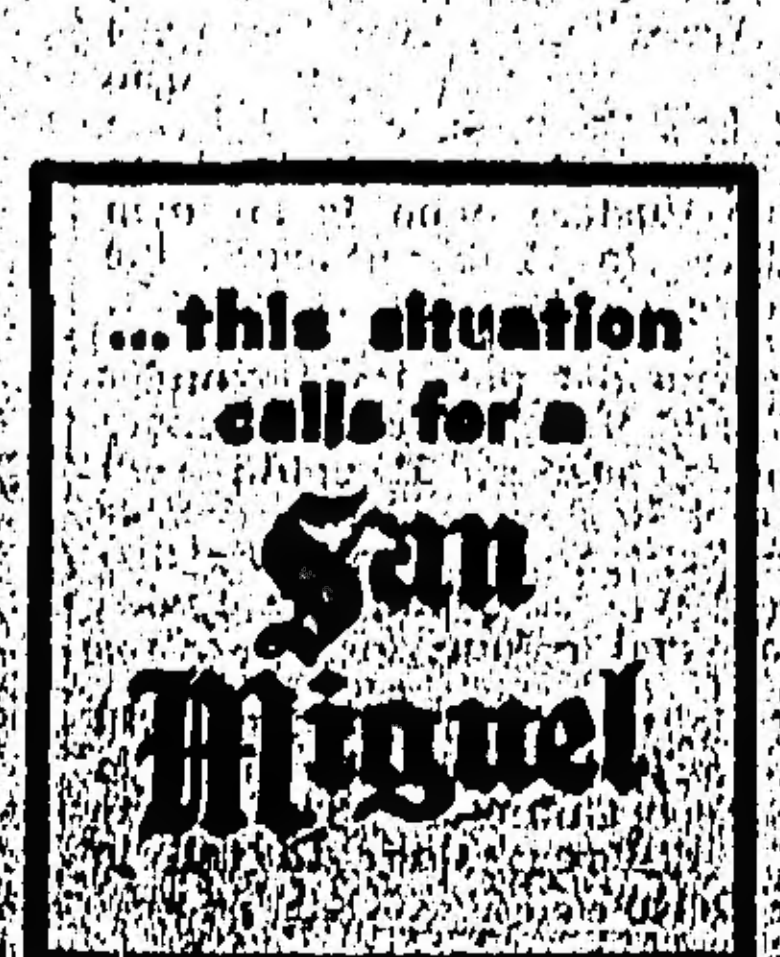
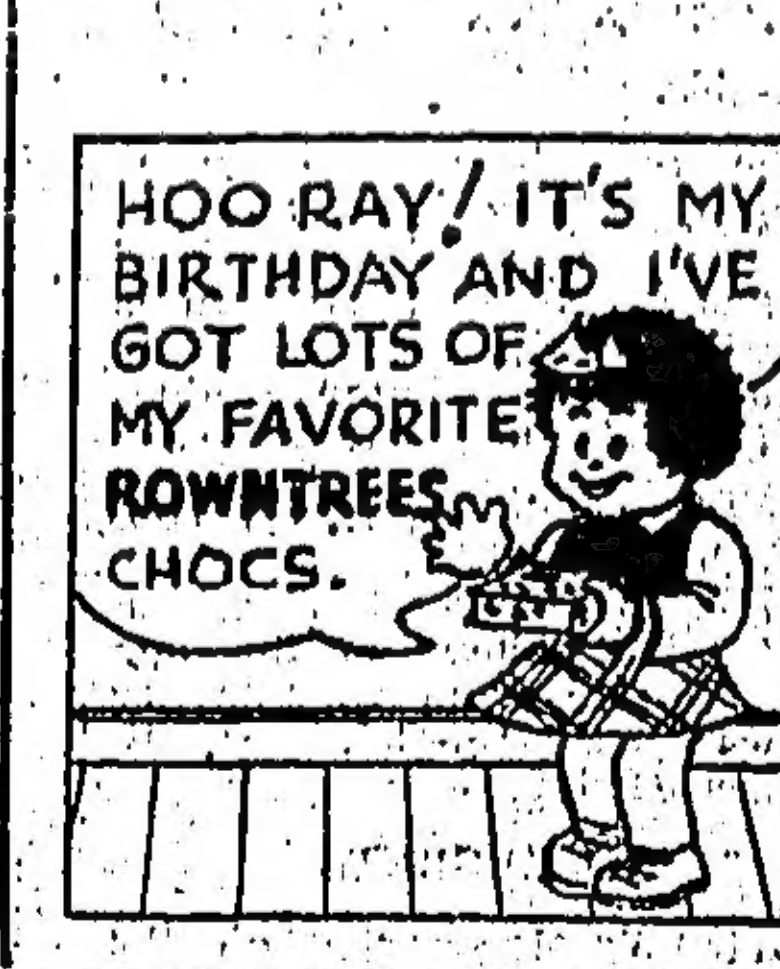
"I am going to set up the
Church of God as a 'Holy
Nation' on 330 square miles
which the Church of God ac-
quired by deed from the Druz
tribes in Syria in 1923.

There the Church will at-
tempt to rebuild eleven former
cities and populate them again.

It will also cultivate the land
again, for teams of geologists
whom we have sent to the
area in the past few years found
that, by drilling down 3,000
feet, we can get plenty of water
in various places for both drink-
ing and irrigation purposes.

"The area is situated about
100 miles east of the Sea of
Galilee, between Syria and
Jordan, and my task will in-
clude its exploration in the hope
of setting up the 'Holy Nation'
as an independent country some
time during the coming year. I
also intend to visit 'Ain es-
Safar' in the ancient Biblical
City, which will be rebuilt as
the capital of the new country.
The Church of God has decided
to name the new nation
'ECCLERIA'."

Bishop Tomlinson said his
followers believe that the entire
area from the Euphrates in the
Mediterranean to the original
Garden of Eden. He is taking
with him a quantity of Irish
seed which he will sow in
"Eccleria" as a token from the
followers of the Church of God.
—China Mail Special.



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Are Colonies Good Business For Mother Countries?

By John Morka

New York, Dec. 21.

Do colonies pay off?

The question as to whether the acquisition of colonies had been, after all, good business for the mother countries is tackled anew by authors W. S. and E. S. Woytinsky, in their 907-page study released today: "World Commerce and Governments," (Twentieth Century Fund, publishers. Price \$10).

"Historical experience fails to give a yes-or-no answer to the ultimate economic value of colonies, they say.

In the 16th Century, Colonies did not stimulate economically either Spain or Portugal. At a time of colonial expansion of their empires, both countries were losing ground economically and politically.

And Great Britain was not appreciably affected by the loss of its American colonies, the authors argue.

The United States on the other hand, reached its high level of economic progress with negligible colonial possessions. Nor did Germany rise and fall with its fortunes in colonial possessions.

Negative Result

"In appraising the value of colonies for mother countries, these criteria are frequently used. A colony is rated as an outlet for overpopulation, as a source of raw materials and as a market for exports and capital investment.

"The first yields a negative result. It is doubtful whether emigration has ever relieved the pressure of overpopulation in a country. Colonies have only absorbed a very small part of emigration from colonial powers—hardly more than 3-4 per cent—and it is obvious that their role as a safety valve for overpopulation has been negligible.

"The result of the raw material and market tests appear positive but not wholly conclusive. Even under an open-door policy, a colonial power has definite advantages in selling its products, buying raw materials and investing capital in colonies. "More important is the flow of capital again to the inhabitants of the colonial power. As a rule a large part of these gains flows back to the mother country and is spent there, stimulating domestic industries."

Only A Few

However, the authors argue this consideration does not solve the problem. They suggest that a colony's economic return to the metropolitan country should be measured by the excess of profits and wages earned by metropolitan capital and labour in the colony over the profits and wages that could have earned elsewhere—at home, in foreign countries or foreign colonies.

"When the economic return from colonies is measured in this way, it appears that only a few, such as the Netherlands Indies, the Belgian Congo, Malaya and perhaps India in certain periods, have brought substantial profits to the metropolitan countries. The net gain from most colonies have been uncertain and probably not very large in comparison with the role colonies have played in world politics."

As to the form the new colonies will take, the authors suggest:

"When emancipated colonial peoples have a fair chance to develop economically and culturally as free nations, they will probably try to mould their economic life in forms other than those which have been forced upon them. They will not let their economy be merely supplementary to that of the mother country. Their main effort will probably be directed toward developing farming and industry for domestic consumption. Political decentralization is likely to be followed by decentralization of the economic system. The general trend will presumably be toward a more diversified and better integrated economy; practically, toward a larger extent of self-sufficiency."

Pay More

Industrial nations will have to pay more for products of the former colonial areas, the

WORLD COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.

Cotton futures today held steady in an exceptionally quiet market.

In the absence of selling pressure, contracts edged forward on routine domestic mill buying and scattered covering as traders looked ahead to the Christmas holiday weekend.

Closing on a rally, with the July contract leading, the list finished 13 to 32 points higher. Opening prices were up 8 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 10 to 20 points.

Textile market inactively, plus the disposition to await the reconvening of Congress, and commencement of the government's cotton surplus disposal operation after the new year, all acted to smother market interest.

The certificated stock declined 65 bales overnight to 18,533 bales. Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	11,700	423,000
May	12,000	543,000
July	8,500	240,000
Oct.	4,100	130,000
Dec.	2,200	127,400
Mar.	2,300	49,000
May	800	18,000
Total	43,100	1,500,000 bales

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.10
March	33.25
May	33.27
July	33.28
Oct.	33.29
Dec.	33.30
Mar.	33.31
May	33.32

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.10
March	33.25
May	33.27
July	33.28
Oct.	33.29
Dec.	33.30
Mar.	33.31
May	33.32

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract Dec/Jan.	29.40
Mar/Apr.	29.50
May/June.	29.60
July/Aug.	29.70
Sept/Oct.	29.80
Nov/Dec.	29.90
Jan/Feb.	30.00
Mar/Apr.	30.10
May/June.	30.20
July/Aug.	30.30
Sept/Oct.	30.40
Nov/Dec.	30.50
Jan/Feb.	30.60
Mar/Apr.	30.70
May/June.	30.80
July/Aug.	30.90
Sept/Oct.	31.00
Nov/Dec.	31.10
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May/June.	31.40
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May/June.	68.60
July/Aug.	68.70
Sept/Oct.	68.80
Nov/Dec.	68.90
Jan/Feb.	69.00
Mar/Apr.	69.10
May/June.	

4 VESSELS FREED FROM ICE

Stockholm, Dec. 21. Swedish and Finnish ice-breakers freed four more icebound freighters in the Gulf of Bothnia today and towed them to free water.

However, the situation remained critical in the Gulf, which was hit by an abnormal early-season freeze last weekend that trapped some 25 ships in pack ice.

The ice was hardening rapidly and officials in charge of the ice breakers ordered all ships in the area to head for ice-free ports on Sweden's east coast.

An east wind was driving the ice floes toward the Swedish coast. The ports of Skelleftehamn, Sundsvall and Hornum were becoming ice-bound, thus hampering rescue operations.

Meanwhile Swedish army planes searched the icy waters for the Swedish freighter "Hoken" which has been missing since Friday with 10 men aboard. Hope for the rescue was dwindling rapidly. — France-Press.

Meeting Postponed

Moscow, Dec. 21. The next meeting of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union has been postponed from December 22 to December 26, a well informed diplomatic source said here tonight.

It is understood that the postponement is to allow for a fuller report to be drawn up on the recent Asian tour of Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Communist Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev. — France-Press.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Fleet Street Story

IT was 10 a.m. and down Fleet Street a young man sauntered whose listlessness was in sharp contrast to the eager thrashing stride of reporters hurrying to and from scoops, and the contrived, elegant progress of leader-writers coffee-housing.

Yet the young man, whose name was Harry, seemed to have in common with the others, a great interest in newspapers. At each street vendor's stall, he stopped. At those whose tenants were otherwise engaged or absent, Harry helped himself to such money as was lying about and a paper or two.

EXAGGERATION

HIS luck held for some time, then two plain-clothes policemen became suspicious. They arrested Harry as a suspected person loitering with intent to steal from news-stands. Harry volunteered a statement: "I suppose I've taken four or five bob altogether," he said. Unlike real Fleet Street men he was guilty of an exaggeration. Only 3s. 4d. was found on him.

At Clerkenwell court, Harry, a fair-haired 23-year-old, pleaded guilty to loitering with intent to steal.

The police told their story to Mr. Frank Powell, then turned to Harry's record.

BORSTAL PRISON

"THIS man," an officer said, "first appeared before a juvenile court in 1947 as being in need of care and protection. The same year he was sent to an approved school for stealing £5.

"In 1949 he was sent to Borstal for larceny and house-breaking."

Twice after that Harry was released from Borstal, twice sent back there for theft. When he grew too old for Borstal prison became a habit with him. Three times in 1954 he was sent to prison, and in March this year he was sentenced to nine months as an incorrigible rogue.

I SACK MYSELF

"HE came out of prison this autumn," the policeman went on, "and immediately found work in a brewery, at £8 a week. But after four weeks he gave up the job, and he has done no work since. He tells me he doesn't like work."

"I just can't get on with work," Harry broke in, with sudden fire. "When a person has a go at me, telling me how to do my job, I have a go at him, and sack myself."

"You can't agree with people," the magistrate inquired.

"I just can't agree with people," Harry agreed.

"But do you want to spend all your life in prison? What's the sense of all this?" the magistrate asked. Harry shrugged.

Mr. Powell sent him to see the probation officer.

OLD FRIENDS

WHEN Harry was brought back, the probation officer said: "This young man's mother is dead, and he does not often see his father. He tells me now that what is wrong is that he doesn't like London. He says he'd like to go to work in the country near to the open Borstal where he served."

A grin spread slowly over Harry's face.

"An open Borstal?" the magistrate said. "I suppose he'll be joining the people from there on their country walks. I can see from the look on his face that that's exactly what his idea was."

He turned to Harry. "I'm going to give you one more chance," he said. "I shall discharge you conditionally."

Harry's mouth fell open in surprise and delight. He might have been given the freedom of the town. Relatively, perhaps, as greater compliment has been paid to Harry. Someone had shown some trust in him.

Robbery With Aggravation Charge

Two men were arraigned before Mr. Justice James Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning, accused of stealing a purse containing \$110 and a mountain pen from the occupants of a hut in Lo Fu Ngan Village, Kowloon.

The accused, Cheung Kam, pleaded not guilty to robbery with aggravation. A jury of five men and two women were empanelled.

A third man, Lam Fong, was discharged when Mr. J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, announced that the Prosecution was entering a nolle prosequi.

Giving the facts, Mr. Hobley said that in the early hours of August 31, two men and a woman were awakened when three men entered the hut. Two of them carried daggers.

One of the intruders searched the jacket of the woman, Wu Kwan, and took her purse. The woman's brother-in-law, Li Yuen, who slept in the tent, covered himself with a quilt and was not noticed by the intruders. They searched the place and left.

When Li got up, he discovered his fountain pen missing from his jacket pocket.

Mr. Hobley said first accused was arrested the following day. The second accused was arrested on September 3. First accused took the Police to a spot where the purse was recovered. Neither of the accused was identified by the hut's occupants at an identification parade.

Hearing is proceeding.

GEN. GRUENTHER OPERATED ON

Washington, Dec. 21. General Alfred Gruenther, Supreme Commander of NATO forces in Europe, underwent an operation in a hospital here yesterday.

General Gruenther is reported to be getting on well. — France-Press.

TEXTILE EXPORT QUOTA

Poor View Taken Of Japan's Proposal

Washington, Dec. 21. Japan's proposed voluntary control system announced today for cotton textile exports to the United States failed to satisfy the textile interests here, prodding for legislative controls.

A spokesman for the American Cotton Manufacturers Association said the voluntary export quota of 150,000,000 square yards of cotton fabrics next year was much too high, and probably exceeded the exports in 1955.

Japan decided to adopt the voluntary control system to offset pressure in the Congress for a fixed quota.

CONGRESS BILL

The bill introduced by Senator Strom Thurmond, a Democrat from the cotton growing state of South Carolina, would limit the annual cotton fabric imports from all sources to 110,000,000 square yards a year. The spokesman for the Association said Mr. Thurmond was expected to proceed with the bill, despite Japan's announcement and the Eisenhower administration's own opposition to the legislative controls.

The new Japanese proposals are not regarded with any favour by the industry here, he added.

It was authoritatively learned that reports of Japan's control plan were received favourably by United States officials here.

ARGUMENT VOID

It was pointed out that one of the arguments of the United States textile interests was that unrestricted Japanese exports created uncertainty, but this was now voided by Japan's announcement of a fixed export target.

It was also stated that 150,000,000 square yards of cotton fabrics represented a tiny fraction of the annual United States production of more than 100,000,000,000 square yards.

The United States itself was exporting 600,000,000 square yards of cotton fabrics a year, four times as much as Japan now proposed to sell in the United States. — Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30. Stock Market Report; 6.35. For the Children. The Cornish Melody Play written and Produced by Colwyn Haye. Performed by the Pupils of King's College, Hong Kong. (Recorded); 6.50. The Choir of Westminster Abbey. 6.55. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio). 7.00. Report. 7.05. Time Signal. 7.10. Commentary (London). 7.15. Special Announcements. 7.15. Beginner's Flute. 4th Edition. 7.20. Radio Hongkong's Amateur Race. Produced by Hilary Jones. (Concert Hall); 7.40. Interlude; 7.50. A Carol Concert by the Choir of St. John's Cathedral. In the presence of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham. Recorded on the steps of Government House. 8.15. What's the Form (Recorded London Relay); 8.30. V.O.A. 8.35. Parade Time. 8.40. Morris Shearer. A Radio Portrait. Written by Dale Fredrick. Produced by Thurston Holland. (Studio). 8.45. At the Opera. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" (Menotti). Principal Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Thomas Schippers. (approx.). 9.00. Vienna Symphony Orchestra. 10.45. Bedside. "Uncle Silas" by Sheridan Le Fanu. Read by Cynthia Nixon. Episode of the Christmas Story. Produced by Thurston Holland. (Studio). 11. Time Signal. Radio News Real (Recorded London Relay); 11.05. Goodnight Music. God Save the Queen. 11.50. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3.30 p.m. Novatone — Featuring The Novatone Trio, Terry Brown and the Airline Trio; 3.45. Black House, by Charles Dickens; 4. Music for Christmas—A Programme of Volatile Facts, Fancies and Holiday Music; 4.15. Tea Time Rendezvous — Popular Concert selections; 4.30. Vocolly Yours—Popular Songs; 4.45. Dossier On Demetrius; 5. Children's Christmas Concert. Presented by Austin Val; 5.30. Teen-Time presented by Betty Souza; 5.45. Tropical Melody—Presented by Jerry Lewis; 5.55. The Christmas Story. Told by the News and the News (London Relay); 7.00. Weather Report. Anecdotes and Interludes. 7.15. St. Thomas More Association programme; 7.30. Coca Time—Starring the Coca Cola Band; 7.45. O'Connell's 7.50. Story of the Carol; 8.00. Parade Time; 8.15. Christmas with the Children; 8.30. Holiday Music; 8.45. Christmas Story—Narrated by Carol King; 9.00. Carol by the Royal Choral Society; 9.15. Christmas Carol; 9.30. Volatile Tradition; 11.00. Christmas 11.15. Date with Dream; 11.30. Christmas Eve; 11.45. Christmas Eve; 11.50. Goodnight Music; 11.55. God Save the Queen. Close Down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She's had three proposals of marriage, but they were all during the office Christmas parties!"

FORGED BANKNOTES TRIAL

ACCUSED MAN IN WITNESS BOX

Evidence that he obtained almost 500 Thai 100-baht notes as a security for a loan of \$5,000 was given by one of four accused when their trial resumed in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The four men face charges of possession of forged Thai banknotes. On Tuesday Judge J. Reynolds found they had no case to answer on a charge of conspiracy to deal in these notes.

The first accused, Yim Chik-yeung, is defended by Mr. Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr. Peter Mo and Co. Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. P. Wong of Hastings and Co., is appearing for Shu Yau-lung, alias Bernard Kim Shearon, an accountant, who was named as third accused.

Chan Wal, second accused, and Cheng Kung, the fourth, are not represented by Counsel.

Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective-Inspector G. Fergus.

The second and fourth accused made statements at the last hearing denying possession.

After Mr. Cheung had declared he was not calling any evidence, the third accused, Shu, gave evidence.

LOAN REQUESTED

He said that a friend of his, Chai Yung-ching, who was arrested originally but subsequently discharged, asked him for a loan of \$5,000 on September 17, and he had asked Chai for security. Chai offered him a post-dated cheque and a deposit of Thai banknotes.

The accused produced this cheque which was dated October 20.

He said that he gave Chai \$5,000 on September 21, \$1,000 in cash and the rest in two cheques which he produced. These cheques he obtained from Lee Chum Hong.

Chai told him that the banknotes were worth about \$12,000, said the accused, adding that he did not know they were forged.

He said that he tried to cash the cheque on October 22 but it was returned dishonoured with a slip which he produced. He was taking legal action through his solicitors against Chai. He had thought he would not sell the notes since they were pledged, but would sell them when he obtained judgment against Chai.

AN AGREEMENT

The third accused said that after his cheque was dishonoured he contacted Chai on October 24 and Chai agreed to sell the banknotes. However, he would not release his security, so they eventually agreed that he would release the notes' pledge whenever Chai gave him money for them.

THE WATERS OF LANTAO ISLAND

Master Mariner Gives Evidence As Expert Witness

Capt. L. H. Williams, Master Mariner, and former Commander in the Chinese Maritime Customs, told the Court this morning that it was his opinion that the waters in the position 22 deg. 11' 46' N. and 113 deg 50' 57' E were not waters appertaining to the western coastline of Lantau Island.

Capt. Williams was giving evidence for the Defence in the trial of two men charged with robbery with aggravation before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Criminal Sessions.

Accused are Fung Yau-tai, 32, hawker, and Fung Yung-kun, alias Fung Yiu-ling, 34, employed.

First accused is defended by Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. L. J. d'Almeida Remedios. Second accused is not represented by Counsel.

Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Div. Det. Insp. F. Indge-Buckingham, was present for the Police.

It was alleged that the robbery took place at a point off Lantau Island which the defence had submitted was not within the jurisdiction of Hong Kong.

Earlier this morning the first accused in evidence denied he took part in the robbery which occurred on board a fishing junk. Gold bars to the value of \$184,000 were removed by him who boarded the junk from a speedboat in the early morning of August 31 last.

CAPT'S EVIDENCE

Capt. Williams said that he was a Master Mariner and had been after the war was attached to the Chinese Maritime Customs. He served 14 years from January, 1938, until December, 1949. He held the post of Commander.

Witness said that he was attached to the Kowloon area and patrolled from Formosa to Pak Hoi including the Canton delta. He was now Manager of the Nautical Department of Messrs. Falconers, who are Charts Agents for the British Admiralty.

On October 23 Yim arrived at his office, continued the third accused, but brought no money with him so he sent him back to Chi without the Thai notes. The first accused returned in the afternoon with \$400 so he gave him only 100 Thai notes and kept the other 22 in his middle drawer. He kept the other 370 100-baht in another drawer, in four envelopes.

"I had not the slightest idea that they were forgeries," the third accused declared. He pointed out to the Court where he had made a note of receiving the \$400 on the back of the dishonoured cheque.

He said that at about 5 p.m. that day the Police arrived at his office with the first accused and it was then that he learned the notes were forged. He told the Police at a very early stage that he had received them as a security for a loan of \$5,000. The trial is proceeding.

EXPERT WITNESS

Mr. Leong said that Capt. Williams was an expert witness. Crown Counsel maintained that the witness was not an expert witness on law.

His Lordship said that the witness was regarded as a maritime expert but as regards the construction of law, he did not think Capt. Williams was competent.

Mr. Leong said that the witness was not giving opinion as to the interpretation of the law. He was a master mariner of considerable experience and Counsel said that in the absence of any evidence adduced by the Crown to show the Court what these words meant.

Crown Counsel said that he did not need to. It was a question of law.

Mr. Leong said that all the law they had was the "Chart Thrown at us yesterday." He said he was asking the witness as a master mariner what he knew by those words. They had nothing to do with the law, he submitted.

"IRRELEVANT"

Crown Counsel said that in that case he still objected, on the ground that it was irrelevant. Mr. Leong contended that it was relevant, adding that the learned judge seemed to be deliberately withholding the truth and asking us to be in the dark. "I don't know what he is afraid of," he said.

OBJECTION

Mr. Collier again objected, saying that that was another point of law.

Mr. Leong said that what his Lordship had over-ruled him on was this: He had submitted that the Ordinance was ultra vires and then his Lordship had over-ruled him. He was now basing his questions as if the Ordinance was not ultra vires.

His Lordship said that he would hear evidence only on fact. He would not hear evidence on the law.

Mr. Leong said that he would reframe his question and asked the witness:

Would you say the waters on that spot be waters appertaining to the western coastline of Lantau Island.

Capt. Williams: No, they are not in the waters appertaining to the western coastline of Lantau.

When you say that, what do you base it on besides what you have already told us about these imaginary lines.

I base my argument on the fact that this particular position which has been plotted is outside any possible lines which could be drawn between headlands on the south-western coast of the Island of Lantau.

In answer to his Lordship, witness said that that was his opinion.

Hearing is continuing.

KILLED WHILE EATING MEAL

New York, Dec. 21. A six-year-old boy was killed today by a bullet that pierced a kitchen window and struck him in the heart as he ate his lunch. Police said Felipe Clanton Rivera was eating with his cousins in the kitchen of his aunt's second-floor Brooklyn apartment when he was killed. Felipe's aunt, Mrs. Marquides de Jesus, was in another room wrapping presents.

Police searched the neighbourhood in an effort to find the person who fired the gun. — United Press.

Leave Cancelled

New York, Dec. 21. Christmas and New Year leaves for the city's 2,000 officers were cancelled today and the entire plainclothes force was put on emergency 16-hour schedules to combat a sharp increase in crime.

The Police Commissioner, Stephen Kennedy, said that detectives would have no days off or vacation at Christmas and the beginning of next year. He said he was alarmed by an increase in crime, particularly burglaries and auto thefts. — United Press.

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